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An Olympic Moment to Remember

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There are many dramas that play out at the Olympics, and Oscar Pistorius’ story is one of them. Known as the “Blade Runner” and “the fastest man on no legs,” Pistorius, from South Africa, was born without the fibula bones in both legs. When he was 11 months old, his legs were amputated halfway between his knees and ankles. His dream has always been to compete in the Olympics with able-bodied runners.

His dream came true during this 2012 Summer Olympics. Through the years of training, his sporting motto has been: “You’re not disabled by the disabilities you have, you are able by the abilities you have.”

At the Olympics he has earned the respect of everyone who has watched him race, especially the runners whom he competed with in the men’s 400m semifinals race. He truly exemplifies his own words “Being disabled doesn’t have to mean you are at a disadvantage.”

Watch as the winner of the semifinals, Kirani James, shows his respect for Pistorius.